GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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QUOTING PAN BY RESIDENTS OF SIKKIM
Rawat Shri Bachi Singh

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether mandatory requirement of quoting PAN in mutual fund and DEMAT aceount applications also applies to petmancnt residents of Sikkini, who are not governed by Indian Income Tax Act; f

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to do away with the requirement of quoting PAN for permanent residents of Sikkim; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI PA WAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (d): SRB] has made PAN mandatory for all transactions in securities markets as an investors friendly measure and in the interest of enforcement actions. It has, however, exempted residents of Sikkim from this requirement for opening demat accounts and for trading in the secondary market.